

2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

3 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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5 JOHN COSENTINO, an Incapacitated Person,
6 by and through his guardian, ANTHONY
7 COSENTINO, and co-guardian, MARY ANN
8 COSENTINO,

9 Plaintiffs,

10 -against-

11 THE STATE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF MENTAL
12 RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL
13 DISABILITIES, et al.,

14 Defendants.

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16 DEPOSITION of Peter Alexander

17 Uschakow, taken by the Plaintiffs, held at

18 the Office of the Attorney General Andrew M.

19 Cuomo, 120 Broadway, New York, New York

20 10271-0332, on October 30, 2007,

21 commencing at 10:13 a.m., before Michele

22 D. Lucchese, a Shorthand Reporter and

23 Notary Public within and for the State of New

24 York.

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1 Uschakow

2 A. Did I? No.

3 Q. Do you know who they were?

4 A. Do I know?

5 Q. During that time period?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Do you know what their

8 qualifications or training were?

9 A. I'm sure they passed the direct
10 care test.

11 Q. Do you know that for sure?

12 A. Yes.

13 MS. ANELLO: Objection.

14 Q. But you don't know who they are?

15 MS. ANELLO: This is outside the
16 scope.

17 MR. CATAFAGO: Actually, I don't
18 think it is.

19 Can I have this series of
20 documents marked as Exhibit 2; they
21 were Bates stamped and produced by
22 defendants as D1157 through D1161.

23 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 2, documents
24 Bates stamped D1157 through D1161,
25 marked for identification, as of this

1 Uschakow

2 Q. I'm sorry, why don't you take a
3 careful look at the purposes set forth on
4 the first page of Exhibit 2, and tell me
5 for the record which of those purposes do
6 not apply to BDC in your tenure as
7 director?

8 A. These four bullets?

9 Q. Yes, the four bullet on the first
10 page of Exhibit 2.

11 A. That apply to BDC or to my office
12 specifically?

13 Q. To your office specifically.

14 A. These responsibilities are
15 delegated from my office to other
16 operational areas or other employees.

17 Q. Who has the ultimate
18 responsibility of ensuring that these
19 purposes are satisfied and met?

20 A. I, as the director, have ultimate
21 responsibility.

22 MR. CATAFAGO: Let's have this
23 document marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit
24 3; it was produced and it is Bates
25 stamped D1155 and 1156.